

REMARKS

Claims 11-30 remain in this application.

Since the examiner indicated that claims 12 and 13, among others, are directed towards allowable subject matter, the wording of claim 11 has been incorporated by this amendment into these claims, so that claims 12 and 13 should now be fully allowable.

Claims 26-29 have been amended by inserting a comma between “the filter” and “the damping.”

Further by this amendment, an inconsistency was found and corrected in claims 13 and 14, wherein previously the pump housing was recited to include the radial ribs, wherein in fact it is the bushing 24 which includes the ribs.

In claim 11, the feature that the fluid outlets begins at the face end of the bushing has been added, which feature even further defines over the prior art to Schuller et al.

With regard to this, applicants believe that Schuller et al do not teach a filter as previously recited in claim 11, as there is no mention of a filter anywhere in this reference. Nowhere in their disclosure do Schuller et al mention any filter whatsoever, and thus the examiner’s rejection is clearly not appropriate for claim 11, even before the addition of the recitation that the fluid outlet begins at the face end of the bushing.

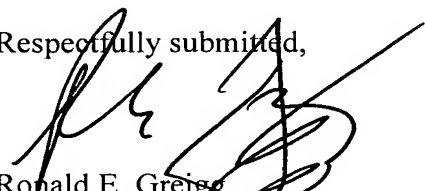
And by the addition to claim 11 that the fluid outlet begins at the face end of the bushing, claim 11 even further defines over the reference to Schuller et al. Thus clearly Schuller et al does not supply the teachings to make a valid rejection for claim 11, either before the addition of the outlet beginning at the face end, since Schuller et al does not teach a filter, and even more

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so after adding that the outlet begins at the face end, since Schuller et al does not have either of these critical limitations as recited in claim 11.

For the above reasons entry of this amendment and allowance of all of the claims are courteously solicited.

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